IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of:

Masashi SHIRAISHI et al.

Serial No.: Div. 09/933,774 Group Art Unit: 2652 (Prior)

Filed: November 13, 2003 Examiner R.S. Tupper (Prior)

For: PRECISE POSITIONING ACTUATOR FOR HEAD ELEMENT, HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY WITH THE ACTUATOR, DISK DRIVE APPARATUS WITH THE HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF HEAD

GIMBAL ASSEMBLY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 13, 2003

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows: